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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## Two Resurrections: Life or Damnation

By T. DeWitt Talmage

*"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."*—John 5:28,29.

Philosophic speculation has gone through Heaven and told us there is no gold there; through Hell, and told us there is no fire there; through Christ, and told us there is no God there; and through the grave, and told us there is no resurrection, and has left hanging over all the future one great, thick London fog.

If I were to call on you to give the names of the world's great conquerors, you would say, Caesar, Alexander, Philip and the first Napoleon. You have missed the greatest! The men whose names have just been mentioned were not worthy of the name of Corporal when compared with him. He rode on the black horse that crossed the fields of Waterloo and Atlanta and his bloody hoofs have been set on the crushed heart of the race. He has conquered every land and besieged every city, and today Paris, London, Moscow, New York and Brooklyn are going down under his fierce and long-continued assault.

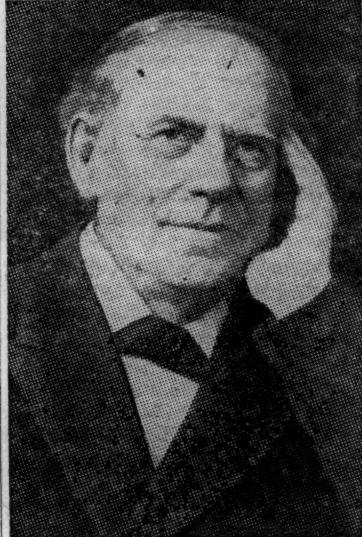
That conqueror is DEATH. He carries a black flag and takes no prisoners. He digs a trench across the hemispheres and fills it with carcasses.

Herod of old slew only those of two years and under, but this monster strikes all ages. Genghis Khan sent five millions into the dust; but this, hundreds of thousands of millions. Other kings sometimes fall back and surrender

territory once gained; but this king has kept all he ever won, save Christ, who escaped by Omnipotent power. What a cruel conqueror! What a bloody king! His palace is a huge sepulchre; his flowers the faded garlands that lie on coffin-lids; his music the cry of desolate households; the chalice of his banquet a skull; his pleasure-fountains the falling tears of a world.

But that throne shall come down; that sceptre shall break;

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Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage

Hey! Young People! Here's  
What They Say About

## ROCK 'N' ROLL

By Evangelist Wilfrid Meloon  
of the "Musical Meloons"

Box 4983, Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina

*"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would . . . Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness (loose-living) . . . drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."*—Gal. 5:17-21.

### Listen to What They Say!

LOOK Magazine:

"A jangling, jumping musical craze which has infected U. S. teen-agers . . ." "It is impossible to deny that Rock 'n' Roll has a sensual sound."

RICHARD SCHICKEL, staff writer for LOOK Magazine:

"A curious blend of boiler-room and bawdy-house effects, rock 'n' roll has been described by musicologist Sigmund Spaeth as a reversion to savagery. It is a musically illiterate blend of driving beat, monotonous, elementary chord structures and simpleminded, often sexy, lyrics. Its antecedents are hillbilly music and the rhythm and blues music that used to sell almost exclusively to Negroes (often termed 'race music')."

DR. FOSTER KENNEDY, Cornell neurologist:

"The more primitive a people,

the more is the beat stressed in their music."

PITIRIM SOROKIN, of Harvard University in "THE AMERICAN SEX REVOLUTION":

"The trend of sexualization has particularly manifested itself in the semi-popular and popular music of our time . . . it has become naked, seductive and abductive, lusty and perverse in popular jazz and song hits and in the bulk of night club, television and radio music. References to kissing, embracing, and going to bed are essential to their lyrics. The songs are monotonously chanted by voiceless crooners . . . Their bleating is underscored by their gyrations, contortions, and bodily rhythm all too clear in sexual innuendo and undisguised meaning."

MICHAEL MILLER, popular orchestra leader, director of pop artists for Columbia records:

" . . . dangerous . . ."

"The kids see the way some of these guys behave on the stage, and think that's what sex is really like."

DR. DAVID A. ABRAHAMSEN, psychiatrist formerly with Columbia University:

"The reaction to Presley is different. It is a visual thing, and I'm afraid it is suppressed

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Wilfrid Meloon

### Prize Winner in Annual Sword Evangelistic Sermon Contest

## HIGHWAYS TO HELL

By Rev. Fred M. Barlow, Montague, Michigan

*"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be that go in thereto: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."*—Matt. 7:13, 14.

Highway tragedies! We read of them daily in our newspapers. Some are gruesome; some are eerie like the Associated Press account, "DEATH IN FOURHS". Dated November 20, 1958, in Morristown, New Jersey, the article tells, "Death came in fours in an auto crash that killed four teenage boys last night. The speedometer showed the wrecked car had travelled 44,444 miles to the instant of the crash." It was eerie and strange, but like all highway tragedies in these respects: blood spattered pavement; mangled bodies; snuffed-out lives; shattered plans and bereaved loved ones.

But I suggest to you that Jesus in this text preached on the greatest highway tragedy of all time—Highways to Hell.

Will you see with me from our text there are just two highways to travel in this life and both lead to eternity!

Jesus, when He preached, always drew a line and divided His hearers on one side of the line or the other. This text is typical Christ preaching. In this sermon, Jesus divided His audience.

First, He likened them to travellers on two different roads: "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be that go in thereto: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way,

which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13, 14).

For His second point, He preached that people were like trees—some good and some bad. "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit . . . Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Matt. 7:17, 19).

For His third point, Jesus warned that every human was like two builders: either like the foolish man who built upon the sand and lost his house in the storms; or like the wise man who built his house upon the rock and it fell not in the storm.

Yes, every time Jesus preached, and everywhere He preached, He put everybody in one crowd or the other. They were either saints or sinners. They were either saved or lost. They were either for Christ or against Him (Matt. 12:30). They either loved Him or hated Him (Luke 16:13). They

either received Him or rejected Him. They either crowned Him Lord or they crucified Him as a criminal. They either confessed Him or denied Him (Matt. 10:32, 33). They were either on the right road to Heaven or on the wrong road to Hell.

My friend, the issues are still the same! Everyone who reads this is on one of two roads. You

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Rev. Fred M. Barlow

## Precious Letters!

From England, Africa, America, They Write Telling of Salvation, of Deliverance, of Soul-Winning Power God Used THE SWORD to Bring Them

By the Editor

This morning two secretaries are working hard as they do every day at the Sword of the Lord. They are the mail readers. They read the mail, list the money enclosed, and take off parts of the letter to go to different departments for book orders, subscriptions, the advertising department, or the editorial department. How we thank God for the letters which are coming in from far and near.

We want to print several letters each week, which come in during Letter Month. The letters quoted here came before Letter Month, but we used them for examples, and for every such letter published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD we will give a \$3 credit slip good for subscriptions or books.

We need your letters. We want your counsel. We want to know how God is using THE SWORD and Sword literature. We want to know how to improve it. We want Christian people to give God the glory, to assure us of their cooperation and prayers, and to thank us for blessings received, as Christians should do. We want thousands of subscriptions to be sent in during Letter Month. We want thousands of copies of life-changing Christian books and pamphlets to go out all over the world this month. We want to hear of at least a thousand people who will be saved through copies of the book "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" which we are especially emphasizing and are sending free to thousands who agree to use them as directed this month.

We thank God for your letters. Let's have during March 20,000 letters from grateful hearts, from good Christians who promise God anew to serve Him better, and to stand by those Christian enterprises which get out the Gospel around the world, which defend the faith, which do not compromise with sin, but actually stir revival fires and win souls.

Here are some of the blessed letters which have recently come.

Congregational Pastor Writes,  
*"I Was Saved by This Booklet"*

From Greenville, Ohio, Rev. Nevin A. Haines writes:

"Dear Friends:

"Enclosed is a check for \$5. Please send me this amount of the tract (booklet) 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'

"I was saved by this booklet and use it in my work as pastor.

"Thank you,

(Signed) Nevin A. Haines  
Pastor, Coletown and Stelviedo Congregational Christian Churches"

How that letter comforts our hearts.

I was looking through the morning mail which came to my desk today, and I find three letters from people who write to say they found Christ as Saviour, two through the English translation of the pamphlet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and one through

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ministering to them and with them.

And Thursday and Friday back for a great rally in Pennsylvania, and then next Sunday, March 1, I begin an eight-day revival campaign with the Hillcrest Baptist Church, Nederland, Texas.

These are busy days. We thank God for His blessings and for grace and strength. We greatly need your prayers.

#### Radio—\$50,000 by Faith!

When we started the first Sunday in January a weekly half-hour broadcast over the nation, we knew that it would cost us approximately \$1,000 a week, or over \$50,000 in 1959. But we believed then and believe now that God was in it and that He will stir up good people to help us pay these bills.

My, the flood of letters, the happy letters, the letters telling of great blessing. Here a woman tells how she has been convicted and sets out to pay old bills. Here sinners write begging us to send literature and to pray for their salvation. Here pastors tell of heart-moving and of holy vows to win more souls because of this broadcast.

We must have the help of God. And if God puts power on the message, He will stir the hearts of those who listen. Meantime, this is a work of faith, a missionary venture. To us \$50,000 is a lot. We have nowhere to get this money except as God puts it on the heart of His people to support this soul-winning, revival work of "The Voice of Revival."

Note the radio log in this issue. Nearly everybody in America can hear us on one station or another.

Will you pray and ask God what you ought to do about helping support this broadcast?

Address "The Voice of Revival" Broadcast, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

#### With Conservative Baptist Pastors

These notes are dictated Tuesday afternoon, February 24, in Streator, Illinois. I set up the dictating machine in the basement of the First Baptist Church, where I am guest speaker for the annual Conservative Baptist Pastors' Conference of Illinois. Yesterday it was my joy to speak afternoon and evening. I spoke this morning at 9:30. I speak again in an hour at 3:25 and tonight at 8:00. Then I drive back some eighty miles to Wheaton tonight for one day in the office before going for a day's rally at Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, and one at New Castle, Pennsylvania, and then flying to Nederland, Texas, for a revival beginning Sunday.

It is a joy to be with these Conservative Baptist brethren. The fellowship is sweet. The ladies of the First Baptist Church served breakfast to some seventy preachers, I suppose, this morning, and along with the bacon, eggs, cereal, rolls, coffee, etc., we had pleasant Christian conversation and fellowship and devotions.

Again, I thank God for the way preachers flocked to hear Dr. Bob and this unworthy editor.

#### To Speak at State-Wide Conservative Baptist Pastors' Meeting, Streator, Illinois

It is now 12:00 noon. In five minutes I will be home eating a hasty lunch, and then will drive to Streator, Illinois, where Conservative Baptist pastors of Illinois gather for these two days of meetings. I will be guest speaker as I was last year for these noble Conservative Baptist pastors of the state, and I rejoice in their fellowship and in the honor of

Dr. Bob of course has more calls than he can fill. But everyone who can hear this mighty man of God should hear him. And let us see that this generation now before it is too late hears this man who has been used of God to win more souls and put more people into the churches of America than any other man living and probably more than any other man of the past save D. L. Moody and perhaps Billy Sunday.

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#### THE SWORD OF THE LORD

Certain groups are working hard to get Conservative Baptists to compromise, to go along with modernists in revival campaigns, and otherwise, working hard to keep them from taking a clear stand for the premillennial coming of Christ, etc.

Dr. Myron Cedarholm, nationwide general director of the Conservative Baptist Association this year, gave a ringing message yesterday afternoon on holding the faith. Most of these pastors are earnestly trying to be true and not to compromise with modernism.

Dr. Billy Graham's workers, trying to get the fundamentalists to go in with modernists in the proposed Chicago campaign, are causing some division in the churches and some trouble for these loyal men of God. He sent them all that cheap propaganda book "Cooperative Evangelism" by Ferm, attacking THE SWORD and other fundamentalists.

#### An Urgent Invitation From Japanese Pastors

Three years ago when I spoke to the Foreign Mission Fellowship at Karuizawa, Japan, I also spent one week in preaching to a conference of Japanese pastors. At that time these pastors, greatly blessed and stirred to soul winning, urgently invited me to return in 1959 for revival campaigns in the principal cities of Japan. They wanted me to come for three months, but I did not see how I could spend that time. I have been prayerfully considering the opportunities and whether I should go to Japan for campaigns in some principal cities this summer, marking the 100th anniversary of Christian missions in Japan.

We have supplied some three and a half million copies of the booklet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in Japan. Seven others of my books and pamphlets have been translated and widely spread. At one time recently we had over eight hundred Japanese pastors taking THE SWORD OF THE LORD in English (English is taught in high schools in Japan). Now there has been for three years a Japanese edition of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

We had a letter dated December 3, one dated January 26, and now a new letter from Missionary Fred D. Jarvis of the New Life League, sending me the urgent renewal of that invitation from Japanese pastors to come to Japan.

I have more than I can do in America. The nation-wide radio broadcast and other needs press upon me. Thus I have not been able to be content to raise the money for the trip and spend the time in Japan when I am so greatly needed at home. May God send great and blessed revival in Japan this year.

I am grateful for the new invitation of a group of sixty Japanese pastors who met and renewed the invitation, and then another group who signed an urgent petition. Unless the Lord clears the way and makes His will very definitely known, I doubt if I can take the time and expense for that long trip and spend five or six weeks in Japan as I had hoped to do. We hope our friends will earnestly pray that God's will may be made very clear and that we may have grace to do what will please Him to reach the greatest number of souls for Christ.

#### Will Brethren Please Combine Invitations Wherever Possible

The Lord has wonderfully sustained this editor in recent very, very heavy schedule of preaching and travel. But we find that the invitations multiply day by day, and we can only accept a fraction of the urgent invitations of good Christians who want us to hold revivals or conferences.

It is impossible to enter all these doors. We thank God for the kindness and the confidence of brethren, and we want to reach as many as we can with the message of revival and soul winning and in the defense of the faith, but we simply cannot fit in even half of the invitations in a schedule. The editorial work in the office is heavy. I must take some rest, though God has made me very strong physically. And there are not enough days in the week

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#### INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By  
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner  
Contributing Editor

#### "All Is Not Gold That Glitters"

Less than a year ago all the friends and acquaintances of John Puterbaugh were talking about how "lucky" he was. The 58-year-old Detroit boiler operator owned a half share in an Irish Sweepstakes ticket worth \$140,000 and friends and strangers alike considered him to be most fortunate. About four months later he became a bridegroom, wedding a woman about a dozen years his junior. Yes, John was considered a lucky man indeed as he drove his bride about in his shiny new Cadillac.

But John is dead now. His wife, Dixie, found him in his nice new Cadillac, the motor running. He had committed suicide. Dixie was drunk when she discovered him. So was John when he wrote his farewell note and started the motor. The pleasures of sin had turned out to be mighty bitter indeed.

But, then, they usually do! Solomon pleaded with the young people of his day, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccles. 12: 1).

No one can deny that Moses made a wise choice in "Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward" (Heb. 11:25, 26). It is best to have "the blessing of the Lord" which "maketh rich" yet "addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22).

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#### Country Preachers HAVE NOT Found "New" Way to God!

A few weeks ago I was startled to see an advertisement for a current issue of *The Saturday Evening Post* headlined: "OUR COUNTRY PREACHERS FIND A NEW WAY TO GOD!" The ad continued, "What does soil erosion have to do with saving souls? Plenty!" say preachers like Sam Varnell . . . Since none less than Jesus Christ plainly stated, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6), I was very interested to find out about this "new" way to God "discovered" by country preachers and featured by the "once dry" Post.

I went out immediately and bought a copy and read the article.

With great joy I now report that the advertisement was greatly overstated and no "new way" to approach God was set forth in the article. However, neither was the "old way" taught—the approach through Christ as quoted above in John 14:6—since the Son of God was not referred to in the entire article except on one occasion when the writer spoke of "the teachings of Christ." A few times "the Lord" and "God" were mentioned and perhaps indirectly Christ was meant, but there would be no way of knowing. The Holy Spirit, when mentioned, was

called "the spirit" without any effort to capitalize His name and thereby recognize His personality and deity.

A literary slap was taken at those who preach about Hell by referring to the "uncouth" preaching of "the fire-snorting semiliterate." The subject of the article was described as "seeking interpretation of scriptural passages in a mammoth interpreter's Bible," undoubtedly referring to the big new commentary by religious infidels, *The Interpreter's Bible*, published by the official publishing house of Sam Varnell's denomination. On the other hand, many good things were said about Sam's ministry and about his personal convictions. It was a much better article than ordinarily appears in a magazine like *The Post*.

But, to me, the greatest thing to report is that there is definitely no "new" way to God through soil erosion or anything else! "To him [Jesus Christ] give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins . . . Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 10:43; 4:12).

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH DEPARTMENT: . . . The Pentagon recently reported asking its electronic computer to total the number of combinations possible to make out of our 26 letter alphabet. The astounding answer: 6,000,000,000,000,000! Commented the *Chicago Tribune*: "This means the supply of official gobbledegook is practically unlimited." . . . *The Army unveiled a new teletypewriter the other day which ran at a speed of 3,000 words per minute—twenty times faster than the average person can talk! In theory, this electronic wonder is capable of operating at the phenomenal speed of 500,000 words a minute. At this rate, it could type the entire Bible in a minute and a half!* . . . Federal Bureau of Prisons Director James V. Bennett reported that the number of inmates in our federal prisons jumped 1,200 last year over 1957—the tenth successive year it has increased—and now stands at the unprecedented high of 21,900. Bennett stated that "close and maximum prisons" are now "filled beyond capacity."

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#### An Earnest Appeal to Doctors!

Dr. Richard Overholt, a leading Boston chest surgeon, told delegates at a cancer seminar at Phoenix, Arizona, that "doctors who smoke should be ashamed of themselves." (Preachers, deacons and Sunday School teachers, too!) Calling smoking "more of a health menace than radio-active fallout," the surgery professor from Tufts College told his medical brethren, "We have an obligation to humanity to give up smoking" because the tobacco habit can shorten the user's life "by as much as nine years" and can "accelerate lung cancer." Overholt quit sucking cancer sticks in 1942 and urged the doctors to follow his example for a two-fold reason: (1) The influence it would set for the non-medical man; and (2) The better health the doctors themselves would enjoy!

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Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

Thru March 22:  
Berean Baptist Church  
1574 Coit Avenue, N. E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

March 23-29:

First Baptist Church  
401 Walnut Boulevard  
Rochester, Michigan

#### Late, Late, So Late!

*Late, late, so late! and dark the night and chill!  
Late, late, so late! but we can enter still.  
Too late, too late! ye cannot enter now.*

*No light had we: for that we do repent;  
And, learning this, the Bridegroom will relent.  
Too late, too late! ye cannot enter now.*

*No light: so late! and dark and chill the night!  
Oh, let us in, that we may find the light!  
Too late, too late! ye cannot enter now.*

*Have we not heard the Bridegroom is so sweet?  
Oh, let us in, though late, to kiss His feet!  
No, not too late! ye cannot enter now.*

Alfred Tennyson

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**23 short, burning chapters for young people and adults.**  
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## 14. Flee Masturbation

Webster's Dictionary defines masturbation as "self-pollution." Psychologists recognize that indulgence in this form of self-abuse gives a person "a guilt complex and often a distorted view of life."

It may be you think you can experience some degree of sexual gratification in this way, but it certainly alienates you from the purpose for which God endowed your body with sexual powers. First Corinthians 3:17 further warns: "If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

I don't know what the physical consequences of masturbation might be, but I do know that before God it reveals evil in your heart. There are many references in the Bible to the fact that God judges and punishes us, not only for our evil actions, but also for uncleanness thoughts. "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth: for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16:7).

And in Matthew 5:27, 28 our Lord Jesus Christ says: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Examine yourself: how is it with your thought life?

If you have fallen into the evil habit of masturbation, marriage is not the cure. You might think that. But young people who have been indulging in the habit often cannot make a proper sexual adjustment and keep right on masturbating. They have unconsciously come to prefer sin. It takes Christ to set them right. Your first step is to get right with Christ, either accepting Him as Saviour and Lord, or if you are already saved, ask His forgiveness, for "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Then remember, Christ is our victory—"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

Having asked the Lord for victory, don't fight against Him. Don't go to bed and drool over some dreamboat of a girl or fellow. Take a walk. Study. Read your Bible. Pray. Go to sleep reviewing verses of Scripture that you have memorized. God's Word says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13). What is the way of escape in this case? Isaiah 26:3 gives the answer: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee . . . ."

## 15. Flee Necking Parties

If it is wrong to indulge in sex by one's self, then it most certainly is wrong to indulge in necking parties, which may lead two people to indulge in sin. You may object that there is nothing wrong with an innocent necking party. But let's face it—there is no such thing as an innocent necking party! Week after week I receive letters like this one from a young lady living in Maine, and it is letters like this that prompted me to write this book. In part, she wrote:

Dear Jack:

I have wanted for a long time to write to you, for I have a story that I want to pass on to other young people as a warning to them that disregarding God's Will can and will bring heartbreak.

Shortly after the war started I went to Bible school. I had been "born again" in my early teens, and had dedicated my life to full-time service, intending to finish my schooling and then go into the Lord's work. While going to school I attended Word of Life rallies regularly. That first year I carried a burden which depressed me and made me very uneasy. I was 22 years old and did not know the facts of life. That made me feel uncertain, unsure, and a little ridiculous. I didn't know where to go or whom to ask my questions . . . .

You can tell young people it's not right to have necking parties in parked cars, but be sure to tell them what might happen to them. If only I had been warned, it may have saved me from my awful sin which will haunt me all my life. If I had only learned these things from a man who knew Jesus Christ instead of from a filthy man of the world.

Oh, the shock I received because of my desire to be popular, to have a boy friend! This caused me to drift far, far from the Lord. My life is wrecked and ruined. Use my story if you wish, Jack. I sincerely hope that it may be the means of helping some young person.

You may think that what happened to that girl won't happen to you—that you know where to stop on a necking party. If you do, you are the first human being who ever did, because God made us this way. First a fellow holds a girl's hand. Then he kisses the girl. Then this leads to a necking party. One thing leads to another in a chain reaction which usually doesn't stop until you are in a mess. You see, God planned this chain reaction for marriage.

Maybe you think I am overstating the case. Maybe it hasn't gone this far with you—yet. But my statements here are based on my experiences in dealing with thousands upon thousands of young people and their problems. I say flee those necking parties like the very plague!

Each year in the United States one quarter million high school girls go from their high school desks to the maternity ward. Even in a midwest Christian high school, the girl who was considered one of the nicest, quit before graduation to be married . . . because she was pregnant. Why was her life fouled up? Oh, she and her boy friend had a "harmless" necking party! Last year one out of eight babies was born illegitimately. And most of it began on a so-called "innocent" necking party.

"But there's nothing wrong with a kiss," you insist. True, there are many harmless kisses. But a kiss between a boy and a girl works like this: You can touch a red-hot iron with a wet finger and not be burned. The water on the finger is instantly turned into steam and this little layer of steam prevents the finger from actually contacting the hot iron. But the protection is only for a moment. If you hold your finger on the iron for more than a small fraction of a second, you will be burned.

Perhaps no harm will come from one brief kiss, but when it leads to a necking party, the brakes are off. It lasts longer than a fraction of a second. The steam warning is over, and then you get burned.

There is only one Scripture necessary as a warning against necking parties, "Keep thyself pure" (I Tim. 5:22). Every girl should put an imaginary sign over her body that says, "Hands off." Keep your body clean and holy for the Lord Jesus and then one day, if God should lead you into holy matrimony, you can walk down that church aisle and look into the face of your lover with a clean heart, knowing that you are presenting a virgin body to him. If you do, you'll thank God every day of your married life that you kept yourself clean for the man of His choice. When you have children, you can tell those precious little ones that you and their father were willing to stand out from the crowd.

And young men, the same admonition applies to you, "Keep thyself pure." The Apostle Paul even said, "It is good for a man not to touch a woman" (I Cor. 7:1). I have only one suggestion to make to you: Don't do to someone else's sister, what you wouldn't want some fellow to do to yours.

There is one easy way to flee this temptation, and that is to stay in the light! Stay out of parked cars! Don't invite a young fellow to visit you when your mom and dad are away from the house. Don't go on unchaperoned and week-end beach parties. Treat yourself for what you are, a human being, with highly geared emotions, and stay away from necking parties.

**16. Flee Promiscuous Sex**  
There's a difference between necking parties and promiscuous sex, but a difference of degree only: one step farther than the other. You might only neck with one person, burn yourself, and quit. Or you might keep on going until you are indulging in necking parties.

I have girls or fellows come to me sometimes and say, "Jack, I appreciate what you are saying, trying to help young people, but you don't understand about me. I can't help myself, I'm just oversexed."

I look them straight in the face and say, "But I do understand about you. You're not oversexed any more than the rest of us are; you have just given sex a freer rein, until you have dulled the inhibitions that help you put on the brakes. It's like anything else in life, the more you do it, the easier it is to do, because it becomes a habit."

I have received many letters from girls who stray down this path, letters like this one:

Dear Sir:

After listening to your program tonight, I thought that perhaps you might be able to help me. I cannot turn to my family for they are good Christians and would be terribly hurt and perhaps even worse if they knew about the double life I've been leading. I cannot talk to our pastor for I know he would tell them. For the sake of all concerned, including my younger brother and sister, I would die rather than have my family know.

I've been hoping you could help me to become what I've been professing to be—a good Christian. You see, I have not been that since my early teens. The reason is the same as that of most teenagers, the desire for thrills and excitement which I looked for in living a promiscuous life of sex. At fourteen it began and at eighteen I was a married man's mistress.

Since then I have tried to learn to follow Christ but it's so very hard to resist temptation. What I would like to know is, will God forgive me for this terrible sin as well as others such as smoking, drinking, swearing and deceit? Sincerely, I would like to learn to know Christ and to accept Him, give up the evil in my mind and body and learn to serve Him. Can you, will you help me?

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and for fellows who have fallen into the same trap of promiscuous sex relations. It's an awful price they have to pay.

*The price of venereal disease.* Statistics prove that the medical profession is learning to cure gonorrhea and syphilis, but who wants to have to be cured? Who wants his body eaten away by disease? Who wants the loathsome of having one's flesh decay?

And suppose your case is one the doctor can't cure? Suppose you don't get to the doctor soon enough, and instead are sent to an insane asylum? This is one of the chances you take—too great, far too great, to indulge in illicit sexual relations!

*The price of a thwarted sex life.* Sex is like a man playing music. If you really want to master the violin, you have to stick with playing the violin. You cannot play the drums one week and the guitar another. Sometimes you hear of a man playing several instruments, but usually when he does, he does not play any of them well. So it is with sex. Being promiscuous ruins your sex life. You lose your sensitivity and you become coarse, crude, selfish. A boy or girl who is promiscuous cheats himself of the best, even in the very thing he is trying to enjoy.

*The price of a ruined life.* Promiscuous sex relations cheapen a man or woman. You see them—the hard, tough fellows and girls, who, if they marry, don't stay married long. They don't play the game according to the rules and they're always losing, often becoming lonely prostitutes or "wolves." They do not fit in social-

ly because they are always on the "make."

Scripture mentions this sin plainly. It says, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body" (I Cor. 6:18).

It is hard to rebuild a ruined life but Christ is able. Thank God He says, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). No matter what you've done, no matter how many times you have sinned in cars parked in secluded spots, there is pardon in Christ. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Remember, however, though God can give you peace in your soul, He does not alter this law of the flesh: "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). You will have to reap the results of your deeds. If you have contacted a venereal disease you will have to go to the doctor for a treatment. If you want to marry, you will have to wait, and pray, and learn "to possess [your] vessel in sanctification and honour" (I Thess. 4:4). You will have to learn to "walk circumspectly" (Eph. 5:15).

I want to tell you the story of one girl who grew up in a home that had been broken by divorce. Her mother worked, and when the girl was in her teens, she didn't have many clothes, and so, very foolishly, she thought she could gain the attention of fellows by giving herself to them. She wasn't pretty, but she gained their attention all right! She became a cheap little thing, used as a con-

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# Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:

Since Bob Jones University trains every year a large number of ministerial students, some people get the idea that the institution is just a preachers' school; but it isn't. It does train young men to preach the Gospel. It teaches them how to load the Gospel gun and how to shoot it.

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# Kids' CORNER

By Aunt Joy

**A Missionary Story from the Land of India**
**SUGIA'S JEWELS**

By Amelia O. Stott

"We have come from away over the hills, Miss Sahib. Have pity and take in this little one, for we cannot bear to see her die."

The speaker was a man belonging to the shepherd caste in North India, who stood with a small, frail, half-starved child clinging to his hand. Miss White knew that a famine was so bad in that region that the sheep were all dying, and the shepherds and their families were starving.

"My school is really for other children," she said, "but yes, I will take her," for somehow the young missionary's heart was touched by the suffering on the faces of both.

"What is your name, little one?" she asked gently, and the small creature whispered, "Sugia."

"Well, now, I will take you to our kind school mother, and she will take off those soiled clothes and make you look ever so different."

So little Sugia was taken in and lovingly treated, for the sake of

the Saviour who had watched over this poor shepherd's child.

At first she was so weak that Miss White despaired of keeping her alive. Sugia had such a poor little starved body, but she possessed a wonderful mind. She learned very quickly and pleased her teachers in every way. Some of the other girls were jealous of her and were often disagreeable, but Sugia was wonderfully patient and sweet-tempered. But she could not play very well with the others in games and sports, for she could hardly run at all.

Miss White found her sitting under the banyan tree one morning watching the girls at their games.

"Well, Sugia, feeling sorry because you can't play, too?"

"No, Miss Sahib, not today, for I had a dream last night that makes me very happy."

"What was it, Sugia?" said Miss White, knowing how much Indian people believe in dreams.

"Oh," cried the child, her face glowing, "I saw the Lord Jesus in the most beautiful place you can imagine, and there were lots of children with Him, all so happy and singing for joy."

"How delightful, Sugia; didn't you want to stay there all together?"

"Yes, Miss Sahib, but the kind, loving Jesus spoke to me and said, 'Go down to earth again, my little Sugia, and tell other boys and girls how much I want them all to come here by and by, and every one you help to bring will be a jewel in the crown I have here for you to wear someday.' Then, Miss Sahib, He showed me a lovely little gold crown, with tiny, empty holes made for precious jewels. I looked round at the other children, and I saw some had one or two jewels set in their crowns, but many had none at all."

"Well, Sugia, it was a wonderful dream, and best of all it has a true meaning. We must try to win somebody else to love the Lord Jesus, so that the crowns may not be without one jewel at least."

"But what can I do?" asked Sugia. "All the children here know and worship God, and there are no others about."

"Wait and ask God to show you, my child, some way of helping the others outside, and when you go home again you will have many a chance."

But God in His love and wisdom was planning something better for little Sugia than to return to the poor hut in the hills.

When the first examinations came along, to the surprise of

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even her teachers, Sugia won first prize for Bible knowledge. The teacher awarded her two rupees, seeing she had been at school so short a time compared with the others. To this poor little starved child two rupees (about one dollar) seemed a big fortune. How many things she could buy with such riches. Now she could get a pair of earrings, such as all Indian girls wear and love. There would be enough besides for some colored glass beads and ornaments. She knew the girls all despised her for having nothing at all, and, although Miss Sahib did not like them to wear jewelry in school, still they all had them in their boxes to look at and admire together. Only Sugia had none, and so she was never asked to join in with the other girls.

All night long she could hardly sleep because she was planning how to spend her two rupees, and she thought with joy of the others all coming to admire her treasures. Suddenly she remembered her dream and the jewels needed for her heavenly crown.

"Miss Sahib was telling us yesterday," she thought, "about children down in the bazaar who have never heard about Jesus and how they beg for those little gospel books with pictures. How I longed to have some money and buy lots for Miss Sahib to give them! Two rupees would get so many, and the children can never go to Heaven if they don't know and love Jesus. Perhaps I could give one rupee, or just keep enough for one cheap bangle."

Still Sugia was not satisfied, and next day Miss White received a tear-stained little packet containing her whole prize. She was very touched, but she little thought that this was to be Sugia's one opportunity of winning some jewels for her heavenly crown.

Shortly after that many children in the school were taken sick, and frail little Sugia was taken from them to Heaven. But her costly gift was not in vain. It was blessed and used. Sugia will not be without jewels in her heavenly crown.

"Little children, little children  
Who love their Redeemer  
Are the jewels, precious jewels,  
His loved and His own."

(From the book, MISSIONARY STORIES TOLD BY AUNT THERESE, Moody Press, Chicago 10, Illinois. Used by permission.)

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**Not Afraid**

It was almost noon. The pupils in the fifth grade were tired. They would be glad when the bell rang for recess. Now, they had their geography books out. As Alice sat studying her geography, a voice seemed to say to her, "Alice, you like your school friends. Alice, if you do not tell them about Jesus, many of them will be lost." Alice could not study her geography any longer. She raised her hand and asked the teacher to let her say something to the class.

Bravely, Alice went up and stood by the teacher's desk. She told all her class about Jesus, her Saviour. She told them that she was praying that they would know Jesus as their Saviour, too.

Many of the boys and girls hid behind their geography books and laughed. But some of the boys and girls listened carefully. In their hearts, they longed to become Christians. After the class was over, some of them asked Alice to talk to them and tell them more about Jesus. Alice won many of her friends to Jesus, because she was not afraid to speak about Him.

(From 1001 STORIES FOR CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S WORKERS by Alice M. Knight, Eerdmans Publishing Co.)

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Why is it sometimes so hard for a Christian to tell someone else about the Lord Jesus and how He saves from sin? That is a question you and I might ask ourselves. Is it because we don't want anybody else to know how to be saved? Is it because we aren't sure whether Jesus can save anybody who comes to Him?

No, I think the real reason we don't witness for the Lord more is just because we are cowards. We're afraid someone might laugh at us or think we are a little queer. So although we know we ought to tell our friends about Christ, our hearts start pounding and our mouths get dry—at least that's the way I feel sometimes! We are just plain scared!

This week I'm going to claim

## Evangelists

many other special blessings among the Christians. He also states, "I can certainly say I appreciate his ministry and zeal for Christ, and trust Eddie will be able to come back again in the near future."

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James M. Resh, Superintendent of the Hagerstown Union Rescue Mission at Hagerstown, Maryland, wrote on February 9:

"We just completed a week of special meetings with REV. CHARLES SHORT, Superintendent of the Nashville Union Mission, Nashville, Tennessee. During the week there were seven decisions for Christ. Brother Short and I had a great opportunity to get into homes and hotels where the problem of alcoholism is keenly felt, as one out of every nine homes has an alcoholic problem."

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EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER was called to hold a revival January 18-25 at Community Bible Church, Daggett, California. The pastor, Rev. Jack Farley, reports that 33 souls were saved, and

this promise: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). Through Christ, I can witness and win souls . . . and you can, too. How about you and me making a little covenant or promise to the Lord this week. Will you definitely plan to speak to at least one person this week about the Lord and try to win him to Christ? I am going to try, and I hope you will join me. Let's forget about being scared and about our pounding hearts and shaking knees. When you speak to someone, remind yourself of this one thing: "Here is a lost person who needs to be saved. If I don't win him to Christ, maybe he will never be saved. With the help of the Lord, I can and will tell him right now how to trust Jesus and be saved."

Will you do that this week? Then write and tell me how you get along. I will be so glad to know.

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By the way, speaking of writing, I am expecting to hear from all of you boys and girls who read this column. During March Letter Month, I will send free a nice "bullet" pencil with the Lord's Prayer printed on the pencil case. Just write to Aunt Joy, Kids' Korner, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois and ENCLOSURE A 4c STAMP. Tell me about yourself and your family, about blessings you have gotten from THE SWORD and "Kid's Korner," or how you were saved, etc. BUT PLEASE WRITE!

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But Mary's deed of love Thy blessing brought.

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Thy anguish there has paid the penalty—  
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## The Editor's Notes

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or enough hours in the day to come to every place I am invited.

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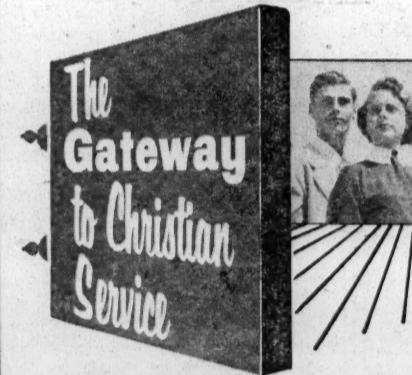
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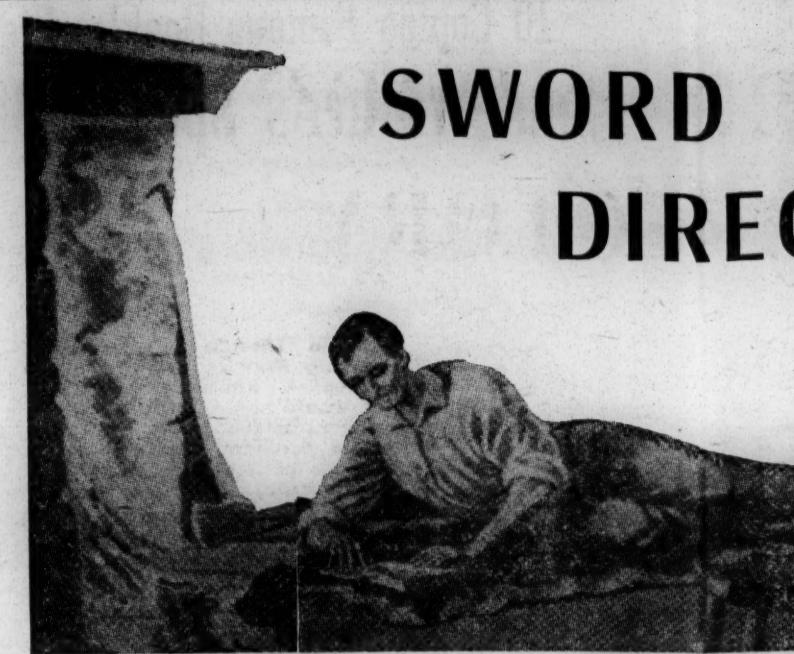
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desire for the strong biological urge that creates his following . . . Presley no doubt symbolizes a great desire in the realm of this biological urge, sex, if you like."

My reader friends, these are not preachers. They are not religious fanatics, old maid spinsters, or mid-victorian, puritanical, strait-laced religionists. These are college professors, leading magazines, newswriters, doctors and musicians.

**WHO'S WHO IN ROCK 'N' ROLL**  
Magazine quotes a Memphis reporter:

"A girl about fourteen screamed as if she'd been suddenly scalded. A second teenager sitting next to her was making weird guttural whines. Another girl was scratching her arm with her fingernails, leaving long red welts...."

### A Conscience-Stricken Girl Writes Presley

**MOTION PICTURE MAGAZINE** quotes a teen-ager's letter to her favorite rock 'n' roll artist, Elvis Presley. In part she says, describing the night before:

"There were thousands of girls inside. They were making an awful racket. The boys, all of them with sideburns like yours, were walking all over, and some of the things they were saying to the girls weren't polite.... Then you came out, Elvis, and every girl except a few like me started to scream and shriek.... Then you started to bounce a little and strum your guitar. But, I couldn't hear that either; I could see you were singing, but honestly, Elvis, I didn't hear one note! Then you grabbed the microphone and began petting it as if it were a girl, I guess. You were singing then, too, but I couldn't hear because the screaming got louder. Then you started to wiggle your whole body and pulled at your clothes as if you were going to take them off. Some of the girls around me fell on the floor like they were having a fit. Some of them grabbed their faces in their hands and dug their nails in their flesh and closed their eyes and pulled their hair till it came out at the roots."

"Pretty soon there was a big noise behind the curtain and some men pushed a big statue of a dog.... onto the stage.

"I think you started to sing 'Hound Dog' but I couldn't hear it. Then you went down on the floor and made love to the dog as if it were a girl. You rolled over and over... and you seemed to go mad.... One girl right near us snarled just like an animal and bit her own arm. I thought Mom was going to be sick."

"Finally, you went off stage. Then all the girls went up on the stage and used their handkerchiefs and pieces of paper to rub the floor where you stood. One girl grabbed the microphone and made love to it. Another girl rolled on the floor just like you did. Two policemen had to drag her out....

"The next day, the newspapers said that you had performed in a disgraceful, lewd and disgusting manner.

"They said the policemen from the vice squad came to see you the second night, but that you had toned down your act. And they said you told the audience, 'You should've been here last night!'

"O Elvis, I was there that first night! And, all of a sudden I couldn't be proud of you any more, Elvis....

"What I'd like to know, Elvis, is this: ... Are you helping or hurting us?"

"Somehow, we feel that popular singer, FRANK SINATRA, summed it up when he said: 'Rock 'n' roll is lewd—in plain fact, dirty!"

"Of course, Rock 'n' Roller ELVIS PRESLEY would say, as he has: 'I think it is the greatest music ever.'

"After all, it affords him his white Cadillacs, big homes, popularity, and—money!"

This is what they say. Now, what do you say?

### Is It Wrong?

New York City, an Associated Press article:

"Wild dungaree-clad teenagers by the thousands stormed the Paramount theatre today for a rock 'n' roll show. They smashed glass, danced barefoot in the aisles and their ecstatic screams drowned out the savage beat of the music that held them in sway.... A hundred and seventy-five police were hard put to maintain a semblance of control.... The ticket office window was smashed in the melee. So was the glass door of a nearby shop.... Boys and girls shrieked obscenities. They climbed astraddle the seats. Groups of boys roamed the theatre like wolf packs, picking up girls. Necking was open and all but unrestrained." Boston, Massachusetts:

"ROCK 'N' ROLL TOUCHES OFF CRIME SPREE. Fifteen persons, including six women, were attacked or robbed by roving gangs of teen-age boys and girls early Sunday after rioting broke out among 6,000 young people at a rock 'n' roll jam session at Boston arena."

This was the affair where popular disc jockey, with rock 'n' roll records, Alan Freed, was stopped by police from dimming the lights during the height of his show, and he said, "I guess the police don't want you young people to have a good time." It takes no imagination to see how such statements, ridiculing the law, could easily touch off a crime spree."

The article goes on to say, "The outbreak which raged for hours, started as the show broke up and the youngsters spilled out of the arena." There was knifing, beating, robbing, and in some places murder has been attributed to the music itself.

Is rock 'n' roll wrong?

### Asbury Park, New Jersey:

Twenty-five teen-agers were sent to the hospital, after which the mayor slapped a rock 'n' roll ban on every dance hall in the city. Is it wrong?

### San Jose, California:

A rock 'n' roll party routed 75 policemen, injured 11 people and did \$3000 worth of damage.

### London, England:

Teen-agers tore up theater seats in a mad frenzy during a rock 'n' roll show.

### Sydney, Australia:

Teen-agers danced in the streets with reckless abandon.

### Indonesia:

A theater balcony swayed precariously at the stamping feet and jungle rhythm.

### Japan:

A rock 'n' roll movie touched off a riot.

### Newport, Rhode Island:

The Navy bans rock 'n' roll at the enlisted men's club after 10 sailors were injured and 9 arrested at a rock 'n' roll show.

### Christian Testimonies Say Rock 'n' Roll Is Hurtful, Wrong

Is it wrong? It would be well if you asked yourself the same question the girl teen-ager above asked, "Elvis, are you helping or hurting us?" And you might also ask Ricky, Jerry, and a few others!

Jack Wyrtzen, in his splendid tract "ROCK 'N' ROLL," published by the American Tract Society, tells about seeing thousand of teen-agers lined up in Times Square for their rock 'n' roll jam session, tickets costing \$2.50 apiece.

Marlin "Butch" Hardman, former dance band musician, who saw the rock 'n' roll first hand but is now a Bible club director in Alexandria, Virginia, with the Youth for Christ, says in his excellent article in YOUTH FOR CHRIST magazine (October, '58), "One fellow in South Carolina asked me, 'Is it all right to listen to rock 'n' roll if you listen to it in the right way?' I immediately replied: 'Is there a right way to listen to rock 'n' roll?' With a grin on his face he said, 'Well, I don't know. But everybody I see listening to it acts like he's crazy.' Is it wrong?

Is it wrong? The question invades the radio industry, the sta-

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tions themselves sharply divided. In any city of any size where there is more than one station, one of them, generally the newer one, is a "rock 'n' roll station."

Near Tampa, Florida, recently for meetings, one station made it a point to let everyone know, "We do not play rock 'n' roll!" Their station break often sang, "No crash, no smash, no rock 'n' roll!" While its competitor jingled, "The swingiest station in the south!"

As athletic director at a summer camp, I was having some trouble curbing the portable radios blaring rock 'n' roll. One day playing first base in a softball game, away from the onlookers bench, I suddenly saw the whole bunch of young people on the field, their mind on the game, start snapping their fingers and wiggling their hips, then I heard it—a rock 'n' roll beat from a portable radio! Some of these kids were fine Christian boys and girls, but it caught them when they were off guard, and it had the same instantly demoralizing effect, even unconsciously.

Is it wrong?

In a church which I pastored, the Young People's director, talking to a group of girls there one night, some of whom were members of the church, asked, "What is there about his music you like? He can't play the guitar very well; his voice is not a good one, and—" But, she was stopped as one of the girls, clasping her hands together and with a dreamy, far-off look at the ceiling, gushed, "Oh, it's not what he sings; it's what he does!"

Just stop and think that one over! Read again what Sigmund Spaeth said, what Dr. Abrahamson said, what Mitch Miller said, and answer this—Is it wrong?

One psychologist recently said of rock 'n' roll that it is very much like the medieval type of spontaneous lunacy where one person goes "off" and many others "go off" with him. It is not taught deliberately, but comes naturally as the person gives in to the suggestions made by the body movements and the frenzy manufactured by the mad music.

To make these matters worse, many young people try to argue the facts by saying, "But, Presley was brought up in a good Bible-believing church; he used to sing in the choir and in his church, and I've even heard he was a Junior deacon in his church."

Some of this may be true, but it doesn't alter the facts. I have heard on good authority, too, that Elvis took his Hollywood girl friend and went to see his pastor, admitting that all he had been doing was wrong, and asked how he could make amends. When his godly pastor told him what he must do, he "went away sorrowing, for he was very rich." Sounds like another young man we read of in the Bible!

"But, Jerry Lee Lewis went to a Bible Institute. He is a religious fellow." Friend, RELIGION NEVER HELPED ANYONE! Religion alone is not enough! A religious fanatic is worse than just a plain fanatic; a religious deceiver is worse than a plain deceiver; a religious rock 'n' roller is worse than just a plain rock 'n' roller. A little religiosity cannot sanctify a thing; in fact, by making it more palatable to borderline religionists, it makes it more deceiving, and thus worse than ever. It is a wolf in sheep's clothing!

### Rock 'n' Roll Music Is a Product of Undisciplined Youth and Sex-Crazy Age

Rock 'n' roll advocates contend, "It's nothing more than an outlet for the tremendous energy of today's youth." One New York psychologist remarked, "When the adolescent gets into trouble, the parent can blame it on 'that awful music.'" They try to justify it this way, and, of course, there is an element of truth in this—which most parents are not willing to face.

However, it is not that the blame is on the music, but rather, vice versa, the music is the result of something we are to blame for. It becomes an escape mechanism for the lax parent who has failed to discipline his offspring. We agree with one rock 'n' roll publication which says, "Using rock 'n' roll as a scapegoat is a small-minded point of view." LOOK magazine says, "The musical craze

### Rest of the Weary

Rest of the weary, joy of the sad; Hope of the dreary, light of the glad; Home of the stranger, strength to the end; Refuge from danger, Saviour and Friend.

Pillow where lying, love rests its head; Peace of the dying, life of the dead; Path of the lowly, prize at the end; Bliss of the holy, Saviour and Friend.

When my feet stumble, to Thee I'll cry; Crown of the humble, cross of the high; When my steps wander, over me bend; Truer and fonder, Saviour and Friend.

Thee still confessing, ever I'll raise Unto Thee blessing, glory and praise; All my endeavor, world without end, Thine to be ever, Saviour and Friend.

—Author Unknown.

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Compiled by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

out rock 'n' roll! Maybe some teen-agers are thinking it could well do without me, too!

Friend, this is what they are saying about rock 'n' roll. What is your verdict? You have heard the facts; you have heard opinions from all sides—what will you do with them? Will you go on trying to excuse your sin "because you like it," or will you be wise and follow the words of wisdom by many who know far more about it than you and I? Will you heed what they say? More important, will you listen to what God says?

"...many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Tim. 6:9).

"Flee also youthful lusts" (II Tim. 2:22).

"Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul" (I Pet. 2:11).

"Love not the world: neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15, 16).

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

"Wherewithal shall a young man [or girl] cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Ps. 119:9).

"Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thess. 5:22).

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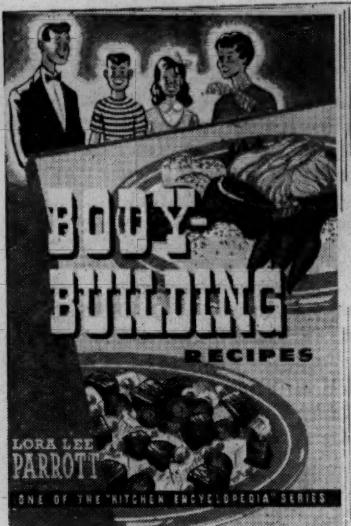
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## Two Resurrections: Life or Damnation

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that palace shall fall under bombardment. 'For the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation' (John 5:28, 29).

Heathen philosophers guessed at the immortality of the soul, but never dreamed that the body would get up and join it. This idea is exclusively scriptural, and beyond reasoning.

### At the Sound of the Trumpet

Various scriptural accounts say that the work of grave-breaking will begin with the blast of the trumpet. Then there will be heard the voice of the uncounted millions of the Christian dead, who come rushing out of the gates of eternity, flying toward the tomb, crying, 'Make way! O grave, give us back our body! We gave it you in corruption. Surrender it now in incorruption'—thousands of bodies arising from the field of Waterloo, from among the rocks of Gettysburg, and from among the passes of South Mountain—from New York to Liverpool, at every few miles on the sea route, hundreds of spirits coming down to the water to meet their bodies. See that multitude!

### What Will These Bodies Be?

But how will these bodies look? The bodies of the righteous, in the first place, will be glorious. The most perfectly formed body, indeed, is a mere skeleton to what it would have been had not sin come. God's model of a face, of a hand, of a foot, of a body, we know not. If, after an exquisite statue has been finished, you should take a chisel and clip it, and chip it, and set the statue in an out-of-door exposure, its beauty would nearly all be gone. The human body has been clipped, and blasted, and battered for thousands of years. Physical defects have been handed down from generation to generation for six thousand years, and we have inherited all the bodily infelicities of all the past.

When God, however, takes the righteous out of their graves, He will refashion, and improve, and adorn according to the original model, until the difference between a gymnast and the emaciated wretch in the lazaretto will not be so great as that between our present bodily structures and our gloriously reconstructed forms. Then you will see the perfected eye, out of which, by waters of death, has been washed the last trace of tears and study. Then you will see the perfected hand—the knots on the knuckles

of toil untied. No more stoop of the shoulders from burden-bearing and the weight of years, but all of us erect, elastic—the life of God in all the frame.

The most striking and impressive thing on earth now is a human face: yet it is veiled in the black veil of a thousand griefs. But when God on the resurrection morn shall put aside the veil, I suppose that the face of the sun in the sky is dull and stupid compared with the outflaming glories of the countenances of the saved. I suppose that when those faces shall turn to look toward the gate or up toward the throne, it will be like the dawn of a new morning on the bosom of everlasting day.

The body will be immortal. The physical system is now perpetually wasting away. Sickness and Death lurk around to see if they cannot get a prey under the tenement, and at a slight push we tumble off the embankment into the grave. But the righteous, arisen, shall have an immortal body. It will be incapable of disease. You will hear no cough or groan. There will be no miasma or fever in the air. There will be no rough steep down which to fall, no fracturing a limb.

People cross the sea for their health; but that voyage over the sea of death will cure the last Christian invalid. There grows an herb on that hill that will cure the last snake-bite of earthly poison. There will be no hospital there, no dispensary, no medicines, no ambulances, no invalid chair, no crutches, no emaciation, no spectacles for poor sight, no stopping up of windows to keep out the cold blasts, but health immortal for the resurrected bodies of the righteous.

Again, the body will be powerful. Walking ten or fifteen miles now, we are weary. Eight hours of work make any man tired; but the resurrected body will be mighty. God always will have great projects to carry on and will want the righteous to help. Yea, in God's presence it is noonday all the time and all Heaven is coming and going. They rest not day or night, in the lazy sense of resting. They have so many victories to celebrate! So many songs to sing! So many high days to keep! They need no sleep, for there is no call for physical renovation.

That kind of body I want. There is so much work to be done that I now begrudge the hours for sleep and necessary recreation. I sometimes have such views of the glorious work of preaching the Gospel that I wish I could tell men of Christ and Heaven, from the first day of January to the

last day of December, without pausing for food, or sleep, or rest. Thanks be to God for the prospect of a resurrected body that will never weary and for a service of love that will never pause and never end!

Oh, glorious days of resurrection! Gladly will I fling into the grave this poor, sinful frame, if at Thy call—I may rise up a body tireless and pure and glorious and immortal!

That was a blessed resurrection hymn sung at my father's burial:

"So Jesus slept: God's dying Son Passed through the grave, and blessed the bed.  
Rest here, blessed saint, till from His throne  
The morning break and pierce the shade."

### The Resurrection of Damnation

But my text speaks of the resurrection of damnation. The Bible says but little about it; yeal it is probable that as the wicked are, in the last day, to be opposite in character, so will they be, in many respects, opposite in body.

Are the bodies of the righteous glorious—those of the wicked will be repelling. You know how bad passions flatten the skull and disfigure the body. There he comes up out of the graveyard—the drunkard, the blotches on his body flaming out in worse disfigurement and his tongue bitten by an all-consuming thirst for drink—which he cannot get, for there are no cocktail lounges in Hell. There

comes up the lascivious and unclean wretch, reeking with filth which made him the horror of the hospital, now wriggling across the cemetery lots—the consternation of the devils.

Here are all the faces of the unpardonable dead. The last line of attractiveness is dashed out, and the eye is wild, malignant, fierce, infernal; the cheek aflame; the mouth distorted with blasphemies. If the glance of the faces of the righteous is to be like a new morning, the glance of the faces of the lost will be like another night falling on midnight. If, after the close of a night's debauch, a man gets up and sits on the bed, sick, exhausted, and horrified with the review of his past; or rouses up with delirium tremens and sees serpents crawling over him or devils dancing about him—what will be the feeling of a man who gets up out of his bed on the last morning of earth, and reviews an unpardonable past? or, instead of imaginary evils crawling over him and flitting before him, finds the real frights and pains and woes of the resurrection of damnation?

Between the styles of rising, choose you. I set before you, in God's name, two resurrected bodies. The one radiant, glorious, Christlike; the other worn, blasted, infernal. I commend you to the Lord of the resurrection. Confiding in Him, Death will be to you only the black servant that opens the door, and the grave will be to you only the dressing room where you dress for glory.

It is accepting Christ as your

personal Saviour that assures you of life eternal and the resurrection of life. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Believe then in Him—and live. —The End—

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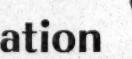
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We are very sorry that this happened, and we will be more careful in the future.

**Divine Guidance**

If it were not for my belief in an overruling Providence, it would be difficult for me, in the midst of such complications, to keep my reason on its seat. But I am confident that the Almighty has His plans and will work them out; and, whether we see it or not, they will be the wisest and best for us. I have always taken counsel of Him, and referred to Him my

plans, and have never adopted a course of proceeding without being assured, as far as I could be, of His approbation. I should be the most presumptuous blockhead upon this footstool if I for one day thought that I could discharge the duties which have come upon me since I came into this place, without the aid and enlightenment of One who is wiser and stronger than all others.

—Abraham Lincoln

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Please don't misunderstand . . .

We are not complaining; not in the least! We rejoice in the opportunity to do good and get out the blessed Word of the Lord. Eternal dividends will result from the type ministry we have undertaken in the puzzle department. Again and again we have been thrilled at the reports which have reached us relative to blessing and fruit.

However, we are wondering if perhaps more would like to help in the heavy expense (and thereby share in the reward) if aware of our need. For some time we have been suggesting that readers enclose at least a dime offering when they send in their puzzle entry. A dime is not much but if everyone co-operated it would help immeasurably. We have never given a booklet yet worth less than a dime and many times the free book is valued at several times that amount. By way of example, this week we are giving *The Little Homemaker Learns to Cook* by Doris Anderson, a Zondervan publication which sells for fifty cents at Christian bookstores everywhere.

Again we plead for understanding . . .

Sending a dime is *not* compulsory for competing in the crossword puzzle contest. The contest and the booklets and Bibles for correct answers are as free as the air to anyone and everyone who abides by the contest rules. The dime appeal is strictly on a free-will offering basis and those who cannot afford to send anything or who do not wish to do so are under no obligation whatsoever.

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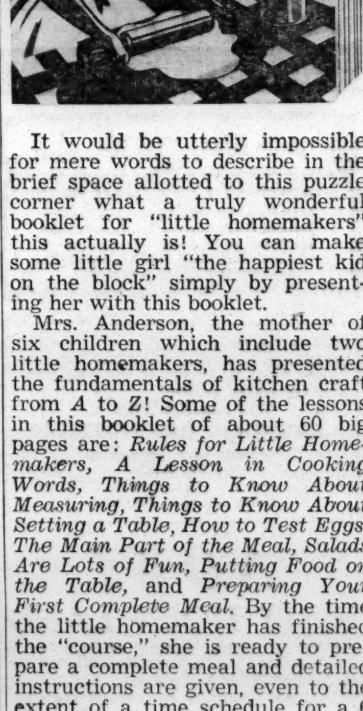
**Highways to Hell**

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are either on the road to Heaven or you are on the Highway to Hell! The most important question you must ever answer, and that now, is, "Are you walking in God's way to Glory or in your own way to Hell?"

Will you see with me from our text there is a broad, streamlined, easily accessible and much-traveled highway to Hell?

Mrs. Anderson, the mother of six children which include two little homemakers, has presented the fundamentals of kitchen craft from A to Z! Some of the lessons in this booklet of about 60 big pages are: *Rules for Little Homemakers, A Lesson in Cooking Words, Things to Know About Measuring, Things to Know About Setting a Table, How to Test Eggs, The Main Part of the Meal, Salads Are Lots of Fun, Putting Food on the Table, and Preparing Your First Complete Meal.* By the time the little homemaker has finished the "course," she is ready to prepare a complete meal and detailed instructions are given, even to the extent of a time schedule for a 6 o'clock dinner.



By all means, get this booklet for daughter, granddaughter, or friend.

**THE RULES**

1. Fill in the empty blanks according to the clues given. Answers must be complete and correct.

2. PRINT (not write) your name and address in the blank below the puzzle. (Please include country in foreign addresses.) This coupon will serve as your address label for the envelope containing your prize. Mail to: PUZZLE EDITOR, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, Wheaton, Illinois. If you do not wish to cut up your copy of the paper, you may print (not more than three inches wide) on a separate sheet of paper your name and address, and the answers according to the clue numbers given. Entries will not be returned.

3. In order for you to receive the book, *The Little Homemaker Learns to Cook*, your entry must be postmarked by midnight, March 23, 1959. If your paper arrives after the deadline date, please place the date of arrival on the entry. The answer to Puzzle Number 11 will appear in the April 3 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

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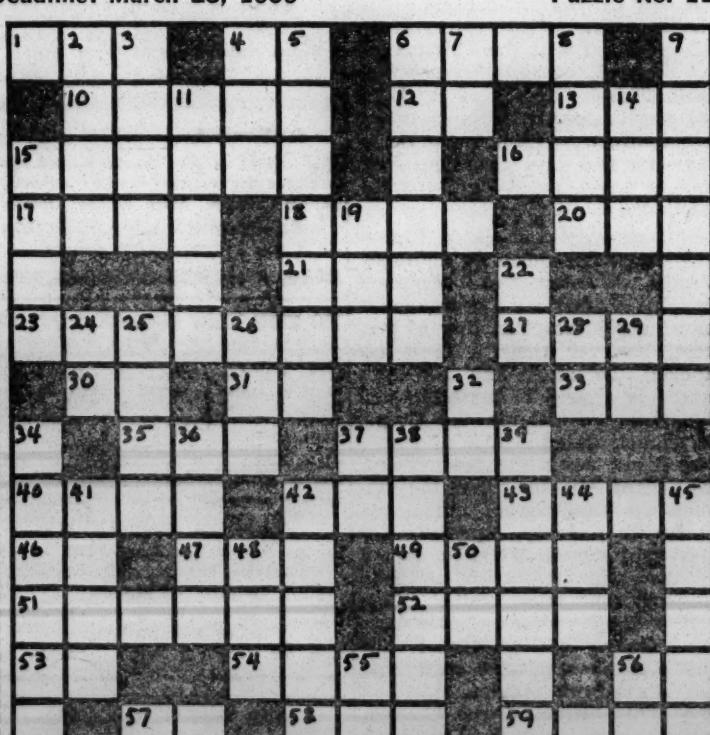
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## Highways to Hell

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fundamental narrow beliefs that will cut out the diseased killer!

And when you take your vacation in Michigan you don't get a Utah map! Why not if "all roads are as good as another"? When you are lost on the highway, you ask for information and you try to follow it to the letter, because you want to get on the right road! Why not be as consistent and honest about your never-dying soul and get off this highway of religion—Gentile or Jew, Trinitarian or Unitarian, Modernist or Fundamentalist, Christian or Pagan—any religion is as good as another, just a different highway to the same place!

How Jesus warned us of the fatality and hellish destiny of religion! In Matthew 7:21-23 he warned, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Yes, Jesus warned us that many who intended, planned and expected to go to Heaven and even preached, taught, and did miracles, go to Hell. Here Jesus warned preachers, teachers of Sunday School classes, personal workers, yes, even miracle workers that they may be trusting their religion instead of Christ and be on the highway to Hell.

In Matthew 13 he warned by parables that many were religious but lost! The parable of the seed should warn us that even if we have heard hundreds of sermons and make mental agreement and physical action as a result, we

may be rootless, shrivel up and go to Hell! Yes, people look like Christians, act like Christians, and talk like Christians, and you may be one of such, and yet you may be only a "tare"—a fake, imitation wheat!

Certainly Jesus meant to warn us of mere outward profession but not possession of salvation in His teaching of the five foolish virgins in Matthew 25. No oil—too late—shut out. Oh, I am so afraid that will be the sad story of many of my hearers!

Again in Luke 18:9-14 Jesus told us the story of the religious Pharisee who went home lost. Yes, he was moral but he was lost. Yes, he tithed his money to God, but he was a lost sinner. Yes, he fasted (prayed and missed

after research, stated these staggering statistics: 65% of the brides who go to the altar are not virgin and 50% of the illegitimate children born in America are born of high school girls. A recent Coronet magazine stated there are eight million homosexuals in America. (That is the sin that wiped out Sodom and Gomorrah.) J. Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. Chief, said, "Fifteen million 'sex' magazines are printed monthly, and read by one-third of the American people. One million American girls have venereal disease; 100,000 girls disappear every year into white slavery, one million illegitimate babies are born annually and perhaps a million illegal abortions are performed annually."

A Russian visitor said the symbol of America was the nude woman. Here was one communist who spoke one truth. The parade of filth is seen on the movie screen,

row victims. Go with me to the missions I preach in and I will show you the forlorn, emaciated derelicts. Hear their tale of woe. See these "who seek it again." If they can't get Seagram's, they will take beer. If they can't panhandle the money for beer, they will take rubbing alcohol, or shoe polish, or antifreeze—anything with the soul-slaying, thirst-maddening, eternity-damning alcohol in it. "For the men of distinction become men of extinction," on their shuffling march down the Highway to Hell!

On the Highway to Hell are the pleasure-mad throng.

Jeremiah preached when he told of those who "came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty" (Jer. 14:3). And today multitudes are lowering empty buckets into the empty cisterns and wells of this world and returning with empty vessels.

No, not at the race track, not at the tavern, not at the movie house, not at the burlesque show, not at the casino do you find peace of heart and rest of soul. These are dead-end streets on the Highway to Hell.

Dr. Robert Lee preached it vividly when he penned, "The world promises substance and gives shadow; the world promises velvet and gives a shroud; the world promises liberty and gives slavery. The world promises nectar and gives gall. The world promises fruit and gives rinds and hulls. The world promises perfumed garments and gives rags. The world promises revelry and provides burlesque. The world promises sleep and sends nightmares. The world promises rest and gives weariness."

He could have added one more phrase, "The world promises Heaven and gives Hell, for God's Word warns, 'Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant'" (Prov. 9:17). The payoff is found in verse 18, "But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell."

### Route No. 3—is Love of Money

God's Word says, "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Tim. 6:9). This verse does not say all rich people go to Hell. But it does warn that all who covet, desire and are greedy to be rich go to Hell! Oh, what a grip and hold money and wealth hold over the souls of men. Judas sold his soul to Hell because of the love of money. He denied the Christ, betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver. Jesus said, "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God" (Matt. 19:24). Surely that was the case of the rich young ruler who wanted to have eternal life but went away empty, disappointed and grieved, "for he had great possessions" that he would not give up (Mark 10:22).

But you don't have to be rich. Desirous, covetous, grasping, greedy-souled appetites send men to Hell! Jesus in His sermon preached, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36).

What are you selling your soul for, friends—gold, stocks, bonds, houses, lands, cars? It is a bad bargain! Get off the Highway to Hell. The rich man of Luke 16 has been there crying in torments, writhing in pain, remembering with remorse his futile life that was laid up in treasure for himself, and not rich to God!

### Route No. 4—Unbelief

How wicked is this devil who would blind our eyes and close our hearts to the truth of the Word of God! For God has warned us all through the Word of God that the sin of unbelief is a damning Hell-insuring sin. Christ's commission to His disciples insured salvation to the believer and destruction to the unbeliever: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Again Jesus warned in His promise of eternal

life to all who believe on the Son, and perdition to the unbeliever: ". . . He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

You may be an atheist so-called! Remember, "He that believeth not is condemned already" (John 3:18). You may be an infidel who argues and dissects the Bible! But remember, "He that believeth not is condemned already." You may be charmed by sin that has blinded your eyes to the reality of eternity, but remember, "He that believeth not is condemned already."

I say this earnestly as I have looked down the long Highway to Hell, broad and beautiful: Most travellers on their way to the brink of ruin and Hell are those who plan and expect to get off the road to Hell and on to the road to Heaven.

In my ministry of fifteen years I have only talked to two of hundreds and thousands who really didn't care whether they went to Hell or not! And I have talked to every kind of a sinner there is, I believe. All but two really wanted someday to quit their sin and be saved and go to Heaven. Yes, the most terrible tragedy on the Highway to Hell is that most of the travellers don't mean or want to end up in Hell! But the sad, sad truth is that more will stumble into Hell than march gloriously into Heaven! Jesus said so in our text.

Norman Lewis, missionary in South America, told of a night ride. It is night. Along the highway skims a car. The speedometer hovers between 70-75 as roadside objects flit past. But as the car sweeps around a wide curve, its probing lights suddenly pick out a swinging red light. On go the brakes—hard. Three hundred yards ahead there has been a bad accident, and two wrecked cars block the highway. To crash into those cars at full speed would mean shattering ruin and horrible death. How fortunate a man is already stationed there beside the road swinging a red light to warn of the awful danger.

Lewis asks, "Is man more merciful than God?" No, friend, for on the Highway to Hell God has His warnings to stop us on our headlong, midnight ride to Hell and ruin. "Turn ye, turn ye," He warns, "for why will ye die?" "Prepare to meet God," cries another warning. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1). For "today is the day of salvation," says the Lord. Again He warns us, "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1). And just before the wild ride ends in Hell, God warns us again—maybe your last warning, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

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## Far Nobler

Far nobler the sword that is nicked and worn  
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Than when to the battle fresh they were borne.

He was tired and found true; he stood the test;  
'Neath whirlwinds of doubt, when all the rest  
Crouched down and submitted, he fought best.

There are wounds on his breast that can never be healed,  
There are gashes that bleed and may never be sealed,  
But, wounded and gashed, he won the field.

And others may dream in their easy chairs,  
And point their white hands to the scars he bears;  
But the palm and the laurel are his—not theirs.

Author Unknown

From *Inspirational & Devotional Verse*  
Compiled by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr.

meals to commune with God), but he was lost.

Oh, Jesus' sermons were full of warnings, and the Bible is full of warnings to be sure you are really saved and not just religious. Peter in II Peter 1:10, warns us, "... give diligence to make your calling and election sure . . ." And well he might. He had seen Judas preach and do miracles in the name of the Lord, along with the other eleven disciples. He had watched him for over three years act like a Christian, but Judas was a son of perdition and on the highway to Hell!

Friend, it would be terrible enough to go to Hell because of a willful rebellion in sin or with a clenched fist of atheism or infidelity. But it must be one of the saddest, most remorseful, most tormenting remembrances in Hell to look back and remember you had figured you were going to Heaven but you were deluded, deceived and damned because you trusted in a church, or a creed, or a ritual like baptism, or any or many religious rites instead of God's way—Jesus Christ (John 14:6). Get on the narrow road, enter the strait gate, and be saved today.

### Route 2—The Pleasure of Sin

It has taken no stretch of imagination for me to visualize this broad, smooth-ribbed road to perdition, teeming with the pleasure-hungry, sin-seeking, Christ-rejecting crowd. On Sunday nights in villages, in towns and in our largest cities I have watched these two classes Jesus spoke of on the two roads.

I have seen the masses on their way to a night of sin, revelry and on to Hell, and the "handful" on their way to God's house because they have found the narrow road to Heaven and its gate of life.

I have heard enthusiastic and good-intentioned but mistaken and misinformed preachers cry out to audiences, "There is no pleasure in sin." Moses knew better than that. He had to make a choice between sin and the Saviour. He had to make the same decision you must make—sin or Saviour. The Holy Spirit tells us of Moses, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Heb. 11:25).

Yes, there are many places of pleasure on the Highway to Hell. There is the house of impurity and adultery. Many enter in at it. A professor in Southern California,

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missions I preach in and I will show you the forlorn, emaciated derelicts. Hear their tale of woe. See these "who seek it again." If

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## Precious Letters

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the Spanish edition of the pamphlet. Praise God!

### Converted Modernist Orders Thousands of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" Booklet

Rev. Carl Woodbury, evangelist of Brookneal, Virginia, writes:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I am going to write you a long personal letter in a day or so. I know that long letters are not correct, and I know that you are busy, but I have wanted to talk to you for four years. I once despised you. I'm a converted modernist. The minute I was saved I started ordering and distributing your tracts. That's the purpose of this letter today. I'm ordering tracts. I want to write you about my personal testimony tomorrow so expect a long personal letter."

How our hearts rejoice that this beloved soul-winning man who says, "I once despised you," now encloses a big order for thousands of copies of the pamphlet "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and encloses the money to pay for them. God bless him.

You see, modernists get converted when preachers preach to them like sinners and demand repentence as the Bible teaches us to do.

By the way, here is a suggestion in our brother's letter. People sometimes despise THE SWORD OF THE LORD and this editor and other out-and-out fundamentalists because they really do not agree with our doctrinal position. But isn't it wonderful that God can and does often save such people if they are lost, or change them, if they have truly been saved.

### In England, Ten People Read a Single Subscription to THE SWORD, Report Many Blessings

We are glad to have the following letter from Pete Norton of Ealing, London W5, England.

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"It is now very nearly a year ago that I became a regular subscriber to your paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and out of a heart brimful of love and gratitude I want to write to thank you for the glorious blessings I have received during that time. As you will see from the above, I am staying at a YMCA hotel, the emphasis being on the word Christian. The secretary and many of the members are people who love and serve our blessed Saviour and believe the Bible is the Word of God and seek to bring souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and have been doing so for years, and yet I know that not only to myself but to the Christians here your paper has been a real blessing in keeping them on their toes in living the Bible way.

"My paper does not always arrive the same day, in fact I do not know which day it is coming, so every evening when I see the secretary I ask him if THE SWORD has come. He must think it all I live for (well, at any rate it's a big thing in my life every week), but he's the first to read it and then after he's finished I have a reading list of YMCA members to pass it to and on top of that there are two who like to read it when they've finished. So I estimate that about ten people besides myself read it every week, and all get a blessing.

"But, Brother Rice, I myself say from the bottom of my heart that this is the paper which is forming my Christian life. We get very little dynamic preaching in our church in England and we get far too much formalism, but I owe a very great deal for you and your work and I shall never be able to repay it. It was your book, *The Power of Pentecost*, which first led me into the baptism of the Spirit, and since then I have been privileged by the Lord to win quite a few souls for Christ. But after the Lord gave me its wonderful experience of power I unfortunately stumbled by an experience which I prefer to forget. I wrote Leslie Greening about it and I believe he has sent it on to

## Worthwhile Foolishness

When Pepper Martin, the Cardinal's hero of the 1931 World's Series, was asked, "What is your chief ambition?" he answered, "My chief ambition is to go to Heaven!" His flippant questioner guffawed, "You want to play a harp, eh?" "Mister," said Martin, "I don't think that's funny. People don't want to be ignoble, I guess, but they surely are so without thinking. If there is anything foolish in reading the Bible every day and believing its contents; if there's anything funny about wanting to enter Heaven when you leave this life, then I'm afraid that life in this world is not worth living."

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you. Suffer it to say that if it had not been for the Lord's powerful grip on my life, if it hadn't been for His love and His grace, I would have fallen away entirely and even then He used your sermon, "Sowing and Reaping," to bring me back to Himself.

How many times your sermons and the other sermons have brought me into a deeper and more powerful understanding of the Scriptures I cannot tell, but, sir, reading your paper every week this last year has been like sitting at the feet of Jesus in the school of God's saints. I have often felt the breath of Heaven and the Love of Calvary in your words, and reading the sermons you preach and those of other preachers you print has lit in my heart a love for the souls of men which I doubt could have been kindled in any other way.

"How I would like to stand behind you financially, but that is impossible. We can't send money from England to America, but I have started helping indirectly I believe through the work of Leslie Greening. But even if I can't help you financially I will promise to pray for you and your work every morning and every evening without fail, as I have been doing for weeks now.

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"May God bless you and prosper you MIGHTILY.

"Yours in love,  
(Signed) Pete Norton"

That letter is a little long, but it tells such a blessed story and is such a comfort to our hearts that we quoted it here.

### From East Africa a Lady Writes to Tell How She Was Led Into Daily Victory, Joy, and Daring Prayer

"Dear Mr. Rice:

"I feel so led to write to you and to tell you how God had blessed my soul in the reading of your book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*.

"I was a Roman Catholic. Eighteen years ago I heard the Gospel and got saved. I have never since suffered from any doubt about my salvation. John 3:36 was the verse God gave me when I got saved. For a long time the Devil has deceived me with the things of the world that seem precious. Although I was saved I lived a carnal, barren, defeated life.

"Three years ago I met a dear Christian friend who recommended your book to me. I told her how tired I was of being defeated and how I longed for a deeper, higher, fuller life with the Lord. She helped me to get your book *Prayer* and oh, the thrill that possessed my soul as I came to see my need for deliverance from the snare of worldliness. I saw at once the reason for my defeat. Sin was the greatest danger in my life. There were things in my life that choked out all of God's fullness. I knew why my prayers hadn't been answered and I saw how I can be delivered from the claims of sin. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. He is the liberator.

"I knelt before Him claiming deliverance from every bondage of sin in my life, believing that He who was manifested to take away sin and to destroy the work of Satan, will destroy the work of Satan in my life. The Lord has delivered me and made me to see the unsearchable riches I have in Him in a life of purity as well

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## Sex and the Bible

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venience by the fellows and scorned by the girls.

She became pregnant and a doctor without scruples helped her to murder that innocent life. She didn't finish high school but got a job clerking in a dime store. Soon she was going out with the floor manager and back to her old sins. Only this time, she didn't get pregnant. The doctor had fixed her so she couldn't. You see, she had nothing to which to cling. She just drifted.

There is no telling where this girl would have ended if someone had not invited her to an evangelistic meeting. She went, listened to the Gospel, went forward and pleaded with the Lord to help her. She signed a card and a woman came to her home and invited her to church. She began going regularly and the Lord showed her how to clean up her life.

Now that she's a Christian she knows true happiness at last, though the going hasn't been easy. When she refused to go out any more with the floor manager, he had her fired. She got another job, but she doesn't earn a great deal, and she's going to night school, trying to get her high school diploma.

She doesn't have many friends. You see, the fellows and girls her age married and she doesn't fit in with their social life. She got off on the wrong foot, lived in sin, and has been reaping what she sowed. But slowly, here and there, God is straightening that girl's life so that it will finally count for Him.

### 17. Flee Adultery

If you are single I suppose you think your temptation to commit sex sins stops with marriage. I agree with you that it should. The temptation should not be as great. But I regret to say that many young people keep on committing sex sins after they are married. I came across this letter from a young married girl. She wrote:

I have a horrible, horrible problem that seems to have no earthly solution. I turn to you as my last glimmer of hope and pray that you may be able to offer some guidance.

I am a college graduate, fairly young, married to a fine man, also well educated. We have two lovely children. Last year

as pardon. He has made me an enemy of sin. I hate sin. I hate it in myself more than in anyone else, because I know the awfulness of it in my own life. I want to give myself as never before to fight it and to get out in the lives of others.

The Lord had delivered me from the snare of worldliness. He has forgiven my stubbornness of heart, my dimness of soul. I yielded my whole soul to Him and asked Him to accomplish in me the full purpose of His will.

I thank God for you, Mr. Rice, for the work of grace He has done in your soul, for your boldness in proclaiming a full Gospel. May He continue to use you to bring deliverance to many souls that are yet in bondage. Please pray for me that He will make me a fearless witness for Him. My soul is filled with joy and with an assurance that led me to claim things in prayer in a most daring way.

"Yours by His grace,  
(Signed) Miss R. Faure"

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I held a very responsible job, and all went well until my husband began to neglect me. After two months of neglect, I began going out with a man from my office. Gradually it became an affair. I was stricken with grief when I found out that I was going to have his child. I want to tear my heart out, but I am a coward. I would like to run to my husband and tell him all, and beg his forgiveness. Maybe he would let me keep the child as our own. Tell me, what should I do? Where should I go? Please—please advise me. Frantically

There was only one way to advise this girl. She had wronged her husband and sinned deeply. As I quoted before, "Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). She had sown. She had to reap. She would have to tell her husband what she had done. He might decide to forgive her or he might leave her. After all, he had scriptural grounds for divorce. And her child would grow up reminding her at every turn of her sin, a constant reproach. She would find strength in Christ but she would have to face the consequences of her sin sooner or later.

My purpose is to help young men and women avoid these sins of the flesh. There are some things the Bible just plainly tells us not to do. Adultery is one of them. The seventh commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exod. 20:14).

Adultery, like the other sins of the flesh, sneaks up on you. Remember David, the shepherd boy, who became the King of Israel? He was a mighty warrior and a man of tender compassion. Once when he could have killed King Saul, and with provocation, he refused to do so. But as the years went on, and David the warrior became king, he sent Joab and his army out to battle, while he stayed at home. In the evening, he walked on the roof of his palace. On another roof he saw Bathsheba washing her hair. She was very beautiful. He sent for her and committed adultery with her. But even that was not enough. One sin always leads to another. His conscience hurt him and the only solution, he decided, was to get rid of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband. He sent a note to General Joab, saying, "Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die" (II Sam. 11:15).

David had plotted Uriah's death! That was murder! You don't have to stick a knife into a man to murder him. Plotting his death in such a manner as this is just as effective as murder.

After Nathan, the priest, accused David of his crime, he repented. He wrote, "I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin" (Ps. 32:5).

God forgave him, but David reaped the consequences of his sin. Bathsheba mourned the death of her husband, and then King David took her to wife and she bore him a son. "But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord" (II Sam. 11:27).

The child that Uriah's wife bare unto David was very sick. David loved the baby and prayed that the Lord might spare him but "it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died." God did not permit the child of the sin to live. David grieved. He grieved not only because of the death of this baby, but because of the many troubles which then came to him through the actions of his wives and children. God had warned him, "I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house" (II Sam. 12:11).

We bring suffering on our own head when we sin. Just as the young girl who wrote the letter quoted above has brought unhappiness to herself through her sin, so does everyone who commits adultery.

I want to help you not to commit these sins. You can do this by remembering that passion is a chain reaction. Don't think you can play with it. If you are married and for some reason separated from your wife or husband, conduct yourself accordingly. Don't dare to date! You have no right to

do it and you don't know where it might lead to. Scripture says, "He knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are dust" (Ps. 103:14). Remember your own frame, remember, that you are dust and don't take chances!

If the pattern of your life is such that you are not tempted to commit adultery, don't be puffed up. Remember how our Lord treated the woman who had committed adultery and was brought to Him to be stoned. "He . . . said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." No one could qualify, so He said to her, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:7 and 11).

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